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NWT Labour Force Activity

June 2016

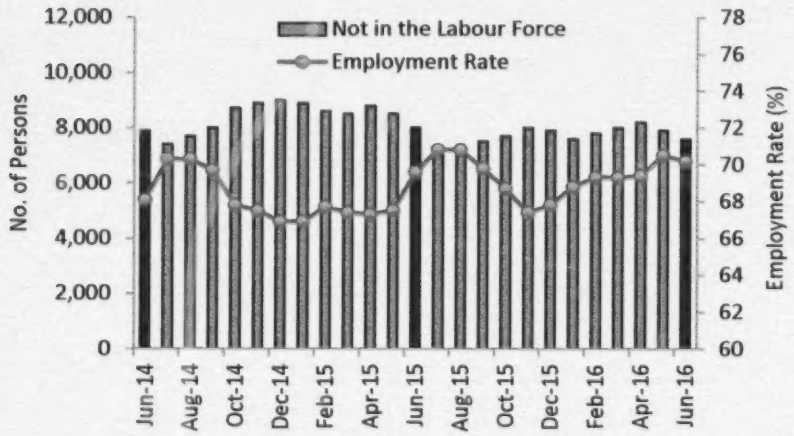
Overview

In June 2016, Statistics Canada estimated that 22,900 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories (NWT). This represents an employment rate of 70.2%. Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 61.5%. Since June 2015, employment in the NWT increased by 3.2% or 700 persons.

Table 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories

	June-2016	May-2016	June-2015	Changes from June 2015 - June 2016	
				Number	%
Population 15+	**32,600**	**32,500**	**31,900**	**700**	**2.2**
Labour force	24,900	24,600	23,800	1,100	4.6
Employment	22,900	22,900	22,200	700	3.2
Full-time	19,800	19,600	19,500	300	1.5
Part-time	3,100	3,300	2,700	400	14.8
Unemployment	2,000	1,700	1,700	300	17.6
Participation rate (%)	76.4	75.7	74.6		
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	6.9	7.1		
Employment rate (%)	70.2	70.5	69.6		

Figure 1: Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rate
Northwest Territories, June 2014 – June 2016



Despite a small decrease from last month, the NWT employment rate has been on an upward trend since November 2015. Those not in labour force declined for the last two months (Figure 1).

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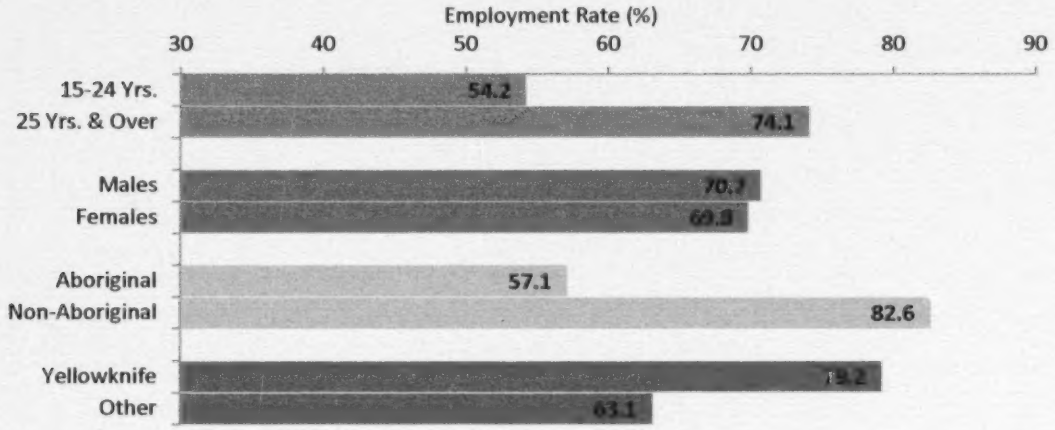
EMPLOYMENT RATES BY KEY DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Between June 2015 and June 2016, the employment rate increased by 8.4 percentage points for youths aged 15 to 24 and decreased by 0.6 percentage points for those 25 years and older. Over the same period, the employment rate rose by 3.2 percentage points outside Yellowknife and decreased by 1.1 percentage points in Yellowknife (Figure 2).

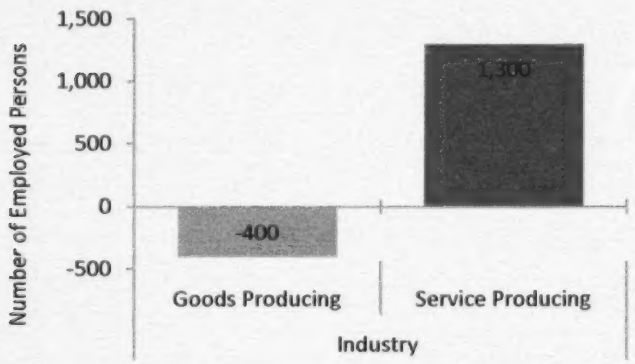
Figure 2: Employment Rates by Key Characteristics, Northwest Territories
June 2016



EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF WORKER, CLASS OF WORKER & INDUSTRY

Compared to June 2015, employment rose by 1,300 jobs in service producing industries, while employment in goods producing industries declined by 400 (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Changes in the Number of Employed Persons from Previous Year by Industry



HISTORICAL LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY

Table 2: Labour Force Activity - Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labour Force	Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Employment Rate
Jun-16	32,600	24,900	22,900	2,000	7,600	76.4	8.0	70.2
May-16	32,500	24,600	22,900	1,700	7,900	75.7	6.9	70.5
Apr-16	32,400	24,100	22,500	1,600	8,200	74.4	6.6	69.4
Mar-16	32,300	24,200	22,400	1,800	8,000	74.9	7.4	69.3
Feb-16	32,200	24,400	22,300	2,100	7,800	75.8	8.6	69.3
Jan-16	32,100	24,400	22,100	2,300	7,600	76.0	9.4	68.8
Dec-15	32,000	24,100	21,700	2,400	7,900	75.3	10.0	67.8
Nov-15	31,900	24,000	21,500	2,500	8,000	75.2	10.4	67.4
Oct-15	31,900	24,100	21,900	2,200	7,700	75.5	9.1	68.7
Sep-15	31,800	24,300	22,200	2,100	7,500	76.4	8.6	69.8
Aug-15	31,800	24,500	22,500	2,000	7,300	77.0	8.2	70.8
Jul-15	31,800	24,500	22,500	2,000	7,300	77.0	8.2	70.8
Previous Years:								
Jun-15	31,900	23,800	22,200	1,700	8,000	74.6	7.1	69.6
Jun-14	32,300	24,400	22,000	2,400	7,900	75.5	9.8	68.1
Jun-13	32,500	25,400	23,600	1,800	7,100	78.2	7.1	72.6
Jun-12	32,400	25,000	23,000	2,100	7,300	77.2	8.4	71.0
Jun-11	32,300	24,900	22,900	2,000	7,400	77.1	8.0	70.9
Jun-10	32,000	23,200	21,500	1,700	8,800	72.5	7.3	67.2
Jun-09	31,800	23,100	21,700	1,500	8,700	72.6	6.5	68.2
Jun-08	31,800	24,000	22,400	1,600	7,800	75.5	6.7	70.4
Jun-07	31,500	24,800	23,200	1,600	6,700	78.7	6.5	73.7
Jun-06	31,100	24,500	23,200	1,400	6,600	78.8	5.7	74.6

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national Labour Force Survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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